

1229 VERMONT ST, LAWRENCE, KANSAS 66044 | OCTOBER 18, 2020

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MISSION SUNDAY



Mass Schedule: Saturday: 4:30 pm; Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm
Mass sign up required for each weekend:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-october>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm; Wednesday: 11:00-noon and by appointment

WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN

Saint John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, and the sacraments. Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion.



“Due to the unpopularity of Wednesday evening confessions, beginning Wednesday, October 14, 2020, any Wednesday evening confessions will be by appointment only. Please call the office for an appointment if you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a Wednesday evening.” Thank you, Fr. John.

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Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

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Masses to be livestreamed at: <https://sjevangelist.com/live/>

Sunday 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday7:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)

Wednesday 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

.....(and by appointment)

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SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



SCHOOL MISSION

Faith-Knowledge-Service-Growth

All St. John Catholic School students will be challenged to grow in their faith and knowledge, learn to show respect and compassion for themselves and others, and live their beliefs through service in their community and the world.

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

St. John Catholic School has classes from pre-school through eighth grade. Visit online at: sjevangelist.com/school, call 785- 843-9511 or email Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal, at: creffett@sjeagles.com for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student!

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NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING NOVEMBER

Two Masses on Wednesdays - 7:30 am (English) & 5:10 pm (Spanish)
Two Masses on Thursdays - 7:30 am & 12:10 pm (both English)
Two Masses on Friday - 7:30 am & 12:10 pm (both English)
The return of the Saturday 8:00 am Mass.

If there is a funeral on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, the later Mass will be cancelled. The intention for that Mass will be said on a later date.

Also, please remember, **starting October 14, the Wednesday evening confessions will be by appointment only.** Wednesday from 11:00 - 12:00 will remain as is (no appointment necessary).



SOCIAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The newly formed Social Life Committee needs members with the goal to create FUN without fundraising in the Parish. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email: parishcouncil@sjevangelist.com.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the gospel to all. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



THE WILD GOOSE- DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Join Suzy Novotny for one session or come for all three! Together we will discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father. This adventure begins on Formed.org and consists of Fr. Dave Pivonka speaking on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit and testimonies of people from across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God. This Adult Formation opportunity begins October 31. Contact Suzy Novotny for more information contact snovotny47@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP INVITATION

Our next ZOOM meeting is October 27 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. It is a time we give to God and each other to pray and study either from the Bible or reflect on a inspirational saint. No outside prep necessary. So if you are interested in joining please contact Cheryl Hicklin by voicemail or text at 785-691-5607. Or you can email at: chicklin8566@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through October 11, 2020.

Budgeted weekly collection amount	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount	\$22,304.68
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD	\$453,822.00
Actual collection fiscal YTD	\$334,570.28
NET SHORTAGE	\$119,251.72

Visit: www.sjevangelist.com/giving for information or to set up and manage your account today!

Contact Cris Denning at: cdenning@sjevangelist.com or by phone at 785-843-0109 if you have any questions.

~Thank you for your continued generosity to
St. John Parish!



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STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member.

Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List."

Thank you on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

Jenn Bole
Andrew Bouchard
Susan Guenther Brown
Donna Callaghan
Ricky Dalton
Hank Desch
Garrett Dreiling
Anna Dukart
Nathan Dukart
Linda Erp
Joanne Feist
Colette Fisher
Linda Flyer
Janet Fox
Rudy Fritz
Ed Garza
Wendy Glick
Bonnie Griggs
Tony Guadian
Buddy Hadl
Lonna Hamm
Peggy Harders
Newt Hasson
Christian Heady
Luke Henry
Charles Hermann
Kathy Higley
Tina Jinkens
Michele Johnson
Allen Kehde
Becky Kuhn
Diana Matthews
Leo Mauler

Russ McDonald
Jim McMurray
Ed Medrano
Jim Mercier
Zackary Messerly
Linden Morgan
Lisa Morrow-Welsh
Augustus Nelson
Danny Nguyen
Theophilus Obiefule
Mike Owens
Julie Patterson
Josephine Ramirez
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Joel Rivera
Virginia Romero
Jon Rossillon
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Leonard Vasquez

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Jeanette Walker
Susan Williams
Jon Yarnell

OCTOBER 19– OCTOBER 25

Mon.: 7:30 amBernie Meiselt
Tues.: 7:30 am.....Luke Henry
Wed.: 7:30 am.....End to the Pandemic
Thurs.: 7:30 am Rudy Fritz
Fri.: 7:30 am Lonna Hamm
Sat.: 4:30 pmLeo Mauler
Sun.: 7:00 amAndy Kisht
9:00am.....Jo Ann Malef
11:00 am.....Parishioners of St. John's
1:00 pm (Sp.).....Blanca, George & Jorge Cisnerost
5:00 pm.....Amanda See



FOCUS ON THE WORD



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Chosen

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally. When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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GOD GIVES US AN INVITATION TO HAVE AN ABUNDANT LIFE

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.



When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE

Douglas Sousa, STL

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

One question that Christians have been asking themselves over the past four years is: What does it mean to be pro-life? Our life is the first gift that God gives us. Everything else God wants to give us depends on it. What good would all the treasures of earth be if we didn't have our life to enjoy it? What good would even faith, hope, or love be if we weren't alive to receive them? Before God can give us anything else, he must first give us the gift of life.

That is why, as believers in Christ, we must always work to guarantee a right to life for all people from the time they are conceived until the time of their natural death. We never look at any human being — no matter how sick, no matter how deformed, no matter how needy — as a burden. Rather, we look at each person as a gift, a gift from God. And, if we take care of the most vulnerable among us — if we cherish their lives as a precious gift — it will surely change us for the better. We discover that caring for the lives of the needy will force us to clear away the things which don't really matter, like anxieties about our appearance or our status. It will help us to place the gift of life and the right to life at the center of our families and our society where it belongs.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the people who are put in charge of the vineyard forget that it doesn't belong to them. They want to keep the vineyard and its produce for themselves. They want to do with it whatever they want without respecting the demands of its true owner. They eventually go so far as to kill the owner's son. They took the gift they were given — the vineyard — and forgot to whom it belonged. Instead of honoring and protecting the gift, they squandered it, and it resulted in their ruin.

Can we see a parallel with today's society? How have we treated the gift of life entrusted to us? How have we taken care of the weak and needy in our society? Every year on this day — Respect Life Sunday — we ask these hard questions of ourselves and of our country. In an election year, these questions become even more pressing. Once we recognize life as a gift of God and every human life as made in God's own image and likeness, we can no longer fool ourselves that whether the unborn live or die is a personal choice. We can no longer kid ourselves that the lives of the innocent are ours to do with as we please. Nor can we look the other way when Black men are disproportionately incarcerated and murdered. Otherwise, as a society, we risk the calamity that befell the men in today's Gospel.

What does it mean to be pro-life then? It means to honor and defend every single human person without distinction. It means that human beings never lose their God-given dignity no matter what stage of development they are at, no matter how much or how little political power they have, no matter what they have done. It means that we consider all human persons as good in and of themselves, apart from what they can or cannot produce. On this Sunday let us renew our commitment to life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable members of our society.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Our life is your precious gift.
None of us is random
None of us is an accident
None of us is unwanted
For we were all formed by your creating hand.
Gift us the grace to use our gift of life
For your glory and the good of our neighbor
May we never look down on anyone
As unworthy of life, love, or respect
Not the unborn, not the immigrant
Not the poor, not the sick, not the disabled
Not people of other races
And not the prisoner.
Help us always to see your image
In those in whom it is the hardest to see
So that we can fashion a society
That is welcoming to every human life
And in which every human life
Has a chance to flourish.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

SHARING THE GOSPEL

People are required to pay taxes to the city, state, and country: sales tax, income tax, tax on cars, houses, and land. Jesus said that people should pay their taxes, and give to God, too. Give part of your money to God. He will make sure you have enough money to pay your taxes. He will give you everything that you need. He will even give you extra things to share with others.

PRAYER

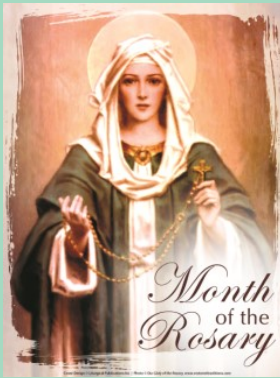
Lord, thank you for giving me food and clothing to share.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw your parents paying taxes for their house and giving money to the church.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will remember to obey the laws of my God and my country.



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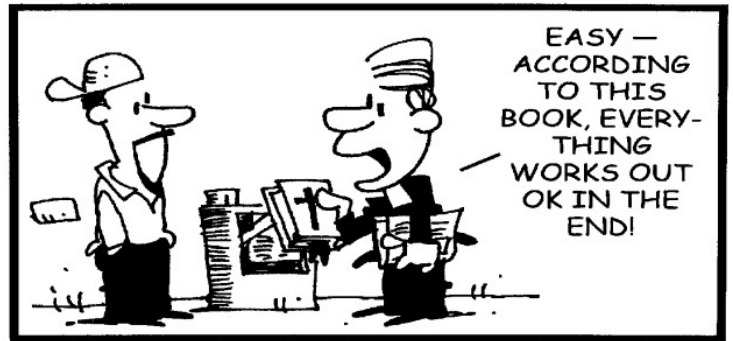
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MISSION

I will remember to obey the laws of my God and my country.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Los fariseos confabulaban contra Jesús para que aclarara lo de pagar los impuestos al César y de alguna manera buscaban la forma de atraparlo. Le tendían trampas para que cayera en ellas. Sin embargo, la sabiduría de Jesús se pone de manifiesto ante aquella situación. La respuesta a la pregunta fue clara y concisa, sin nada turbio. “Devuelvan, pues, al César las cosas del César, y a Dios lo que corresponde a Dios”. (Mateo 22:21). Ellos buscaban que se equivocara para acusarlo con la autoridad romana, y así quitarlo del camino. La respuesta deja claro que el dinero sirve solo para vivir y que ese no llega al cielo. Nadie se lleva tesoros cuando muere. Lo que si salva es la fe y darle culto verdadero a Dios.

¿Cuál es entonces el mensaje? ¿Qué debemos aprender de esta lección? Saber, que, Dios también tiene derechos. Devolver a Dios sus derechos, es cumplir con sus mandamientos y el principal, amar al prójimo como a ti mismo. ¿Cómo? Este tiempo es tiempo de prueba, tú sabes si lo aprovechas. Pidamos, al participar en la Eucaristía, renovar nuestro compromiso de bautizados para participar en la misión que Jesús nos ha encomendado. Evangelizar, con el ejemplo, al pueblo sufriente en este tiempo de pandemia con la compasión y el servicio alegre --- no con palabras sino con hechos. ¿Qué te parece? Es sencillamente, devolver a Dios lo que le corresponde, tal como lo dijo Jesús a las personas de su tiempo y nos lo recuerda ahora a nosotros. ©LPi



“¿ Es lícito o no pagar el tributo al César?” Conociendo Jesús la malicia de sus intenciones, les contestó: “Hipócritas, ¿por qué tartan de sorprenderme?...Den, pues, al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios”.

-Mt 22, 17-18. 21

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MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPANOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a María Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miercoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 18 DE OCTUBRE

Domingo: Is 45, 1. 4-6/Sal 96, 1. 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10 [7]/1 Tes 1, 1-5/Mt 22, 15-21

Lunes: Ef 2, 1-10/Sal 100, 1-2. 3. 4. 4-5 [3]/Lc 12, 13-21

Martes: Ef 2, 12-22/Sal 85, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 [cfr. 9]/Lc 12, 35-38

Miércoles: Ef 3, 2-12/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 [cfr. 3]/Lc 12, 39-48

Jueves: Ef 3, 14-21/Sal 33, 1-2. 4-5. 11-12. 18-19 [5]/Lc 12, 49-53

Viernes: Ef 4, 1-6/Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 6]/Lc 12, 54-59

Sábado: Ef 4, 7-16/Sal 122, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5 [1]/Lc 13, 1-9

Domingo siguiente: Ex 22, 20-26/Sal 18, 2-3. 3-4. 47. 51 [2]/1 Tes 1, 5-10/Mt 22, 34-4

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor,
Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

It seems impossible that the holidays are just around the corner! And in this Covid19 year, we know that most everyone will be affected in some way(s).

For many families who were even among the working poor, it's much harder this year. Many of them have lost their jobs or had their hours radically reduced. Even hanging on to their homes is hard on top of trying to pay for utilities, food and any needed medications.

Thanksgiving will come first, and we want to be prepared to provide some assistance for those in need. This year, we decided that gift cards would be the best approach. If you are a parishioner and in need of assistance, please email me at: souljourner@sbcglobal.net.

Any family in need may also call Catholic Charities at **785-856-2694** to get on their list for a free turkey provided by Harvesters, plus limited produce.



Here's the deal: If 600 parish families would donate \$5 apiece, we could help 100 families with a \$30 gift card for Thanksgiving dinner assistance! This could be

the difference between an OK dinner and a dinner with all the fixings!

We have a parish of roughly 1,100 families. Surely, we can do this!

Beginning on October 15, there will be a link to give for Thanksgiving on the St. John website. It will be up till Thanksgiving. You can give there, or you may drop an envelope containing cash or a check in the collection basket and designate that it's for Thanksgiving on the check or on the envelope. You may also mail a check with Thanksgiving in the memo area of the check to St. John the Evangelist Church, 1229 Vermont St.; Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

If you are a family in need and you register for a free turkey from Catholic Charities, pick-up for these will be at Catholic Charities on Monday, November 23. And on Tuesday, November 24. El Centro Hispano families will pick up their gift cards and turkeys at El Centro Hispano. Other St. John families who need a gift card will be notified of pick-up arrangements.

Let's spread some Christian and Franciscan joy and make Thanksgiving brighter for 100 families who are struggling! Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity!

A little from each helps many.

JUSTICE MATTERS

Justice Matters – an interfaith network doing justice

AN INVITATION FROM PAT LECHTENBERG FOR ST. JOHN JUSTICE MATTERS TEAMS.

One of my favorites is an African proverb that says: Until the lion tells his side of the story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter. As we well know, there are lots of 'lion' stories left out of history – women, ethnic groups and in our case justice ministry organizations. Many will say it doesn't matter who gets credit as long as we've made things fair, equitable and just. The problem with this is the group challenging and making changes in unjust systems doesn't gain the credibility needed to gain support and growth of the group.

The groundbreaking for the Turning Point Crisis Center will be **noon, Friday, October 23**. This is a great opportunity for members of Justice Matters to remind the community, the civic leaders and decision makers that it was the challenge presented by our interfaith network that has resulted in providing crisis intervention training for all law enforcement personnel, that promoted the creation of an affordable trust fund, that helped defeat the expansion of our jail and then

earned the opportunity for tax papers to have a vote on creating a mental health crisis center and supporting services.

We need to continue to tell our history and give credit to our efforts that result in changes in our community to provide more opportunities for citizens who are without basic human needs to access shelter, food, medical care and other needed services. We are the ones who stand up and speak out for brothers and sisters who cannot speak for themselves. We are the feet, hands and voices of Jesus for all our neighbors who need help.

Please come to the groundbreaking for the Turning Point Crisis Center and by your presence give witness to the good Justice Matters has accomplished. Wear a Justice Matters tee shirt, or carry your JM yard sign (you should have received at your team's house meeting) or in some way identify yourself as a member or supporter of Justice Matters – our interfaith network working for justice. The location of the new campus which includes the crisis center is just north of the County Health Department and NE of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Masks and social distancing will still be necessary.



AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Please see the link below for a guide to simple suggestions on how your parish can observe this month, including what to do to help, how to share on social media and prayers of the faithful. These small actions could help save the life of one of your parishioners! For additional resources, see www.archkck.org/domestic-violence.

REDUCED THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE ONLINE INTRODUCTORY NFP

The Dr. Laurie Heap, out of concern for those engaged couples adversely affected economically by the COVID-19 national quarantine, reduced the registration fee for the online introductory NFP course, "Prescription for a Long and Happy Life," from \$65.00 per couple to \$10.00 per couple. As we move closer to opening up from the quarantine, the registration fee will now return to \$65.00 per couple. This cost is not only in line with other online introductory courses, but also, in part, offsets significant costs associated with Dr. Heap's mission of evangelizing on these vital issues which she and her husband alone fund with personal resources.

PROJECT CHRYSALIS

Is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 27 from 7:00-8:15 pm** - both in person and online via Zoom. Our guest will be Jerry Anselmo who lost his son Brian and began the BMA Foundation. We will meet in the St. Mark room in the lower level of Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St. in Overland Park. For more information and the Zoom invitation link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at **913-634-4210** or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents who have lost a child or grandparents who have lost a grandchild.



OPEN GATE SERIES AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH

Did you know that Prairie Star Ranch, home of Camp Tekakwitha, is open year-round? Are you looking for opportunities to get out of the house and enjoy some COVID-friendly time together as a family? On select Saturdays in October, the gates of Prairie Star Ranch will be open for families to enjoy some casual, open-air fun. Come fish (bring your own poles), picnic, hike, and more! On each Open Gate day, a different staff-facilitated camp activity will be offered for a small fee. Otherwise, the experience is free, and donations are welcome. Gates will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and no registration is required. Upcoming Open Gate Day is **October 24**. For a full schedule of events, the staff-facilitated activity for each weekend, our COVID-19 precautions, and more, visit our website at: archkck.org/camp.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Walking with Moms in Need is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need.



Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances.

While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

And where there are few local resources, we can create our own, based on the gifts of the parish community!

We hope you and your parish will join us in this Year of Service. Visit: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Grief Support Weekend Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend **November 6-8, 2020, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas**. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org email: register.bekc@gmail.com or contact Laura at **308-530-1873**

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